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Applicant: Milan R. Kokta, et al.
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SECOND RULE 312 COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

One May 12, 2004, Applicants filed a Rule 312 Communication requesting acknowledgement of several Information Disclosure Statements during the prosecution of the above-identified application. In response, the PTO forwarded initialed form PTO-1449's in response thereto. The Examiner is thanked for consideration of the references cited therein. However, two of the references cited on the form PTO-1449 filed November 13, 2001 have not been initialed by the Examiner. Enclosed is a copy of that partially initialed form PTO-1449. Also enclosed are courtesy copies of those references. The Examiner is requested to consider the cited references and return a copy of the fully initialed form PTO-1449.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this or any other communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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